Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Medical Department 1
Excise ,, 1
Forest ,, 1
Magisterial ,, 1
Land Revenue ,, 1

(c) Applications from the petitioner were received by the Diwan Peishkar and the Excise Superintendent, but not by the District Judges. The Diwan Peishkar filed his application while the Excise Superintendent informed him that he could not be appointed as a clerk as he had neither passed the School Final nor the Intermediate Examinations. Besides, the Commissioner of Police, the Anchal Superintendent and the Superintendent of Registration also received applications from him. The Commissioner of Police recorded it, the Anchal Superintendent asked him to furnish security for an Anchal Master's post, and the Superintendent of Registration called for certain information about the examinations passed by him which he has not furnished as yet. He has since been appointed in the Land Revenue Department as an acting copyist.

(d) The applicant's name was registered and he was informed accordingly.

(e) Velan as seen from the application.

Co-operation in Cochin.

374. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(a) whether the Government have read in the 'Hindu' published in November 1929, on 'Co-operation in Cochin' ;

(b) whether His Highness Rama Varma Kuttan Tampuran, 15th Prince of Cochin, resigned the Vice-Presidentship of the Cochin Central Co-operative Institute; and if so, when and for what reasons ;

(c) whether the resignation letter be placed on the Table;

(d) whether a copy of the new rules passed by the Government under the Co-operative Regulation be printed and placed on the Table ;

(e) whether His Highness Rama Varma Kuttan Tampuran had submitted his remarks or any criticism with respect to the above draft rules ; and if so, whether the papers containing them will be placed on the Table;

(f) whether His Highness had proposed to hold a Conference of the representatives of the Government and prominent non-official co-operators to discuss the draft rules ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

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(b) and (c) Yes; a copy of the resignation letter is placed on the Council Table.

(d) It is placed on the Council Table.

(e) No remarks or criticisms were submitted.

(f) Yes.

Co-operative Societies.

375. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many of the Co-operative Societies are not functioning properly;—

(b) what is the procedure adopted by the Co-operative Department in trying to rectify these societies;

(c) what remedy had the Department to check unscrupulous committee members who exploit upon the general body and who will not arrange for a meeting to rectify matters;

(d) has there been any instances in which the committee members, though elected by the people, were behaving autocratically;

(e) how did the Department cope with the situation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) About three dozen.

(b) To issue instructions to the Secretary and ask him to convene a general body meeting at which the Department will educate them on their rights and responsibilities, suggest ways and means for improvements and advise reconstitution of Panchayats.

(c) The Department had no remedy except that of advising the Panchayats and instructing the general body to elect good committee members. But the revised Rules under the Regulation which were passed into law towards the end of 1104 give sufficient powers to the Registrar to deal with the situations.

(d) Yes.

(e) The Department could not cope with the situation. Any influential committee member can nullify all the good intentions of the Department and make the society his own and of no good to the people for whom it was intended. Now by the new Rules the Department could point out to the general body the mischief done by a member and remove him if necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—With reference to answer to sub-division (b), is the Secretary bound to carry out the instructions, or is it left to him?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—With reference to answer to sub-division (c), is the Government sure that the Registrar is given sufficient power?

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